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Wingman Day is today

Robins' first Wingman Day is today from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the morning spent in units' work areas followed by a cookout and activities at Robins Park.

Wingman Day allows the military and civilian work force to examine stresses that occur in their work environment, and work toward finding ways of eliminating those stressors that cause conflict in the workplace.

Civilian employees may be excused from work areas to attend the picnic, but must first notify their supervisors before leaving the work area. Employees leaving the picnic early must return to their duty areas to complete the workday, or they must request to use annual leave, compensatory time off or leave without pay to cover the absence of the remaining workday.

— From staff reports

DICE Man is coming

Ray Semko, also known as the DICE Man, will speak about Defensive Information to Counter Espionage at 9 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Base Theater.

DICE is a security awareness, counterintelligence and threat briefing like no other. This provocative, uncompromising and even irreverent look at the worlds of espionage and terrorism goes to the heart of the message of countering these threats through operational security and personal responsibility. It explains who the players are, their targets, their methods of operation and, most importantly, how you can protect the information you handle.

Mr. Semko created this unique program in 1989 and has presented it around the world to thousands of U.S. Government, military, public safety and industry personnel. He brings more than 30 years of military and government OPSEC, security and counterintelligence experience to the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff. His goal is to help us safeguard America by recognizing its adversaries and preventing them from exploiting our national security information.

— From staff reports

A bountiful Thanksgiving



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Above, third-grader Summer West places canned goods in the collection cart at Robins Elementary School for food baskets. Below from left, fourth-graders Jesus Gelacio, Katie Russell and Tyler Mize weave bookmarks in the American Indian tradition in Linda Graves' art class. Students made American Indian crafts last week.



Collings: The focus of next year is on you

By Lanorris Askew
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A true man of his word, Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, called to order the first in a three-day run of ten commander's calls Monday morning at the Warner Robins Civic Center.

During an April meeting with the work force shortly after he assumed command here, he vowed to keep Team Robins informed about what's going on with the Center and where it's headed through this type of face-to-face communication.

The briefings, which were mandatory for all Center employees and will conclude

today, gave the work force a chance to catch up on present initiatives and get a sneak peek at the future. It also gave them a chance to ask questions about personal concerns.

The commander kicked the session off with a brief look back at some of the accomplishments of fiscal 2004. Citing such noteworthy undertakings as the stand up of the commodity council, the \$3.6 billion Rockwell Collins partnering agreement and the best ever year end closeout, he thanked the audience for their role in those and other successes.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Faye Geary signs for the hearing impaired while Maj. Gen. Mike Collings talks to base employees during one of 10 commander's briefings Monday.

Robins exceeds goal for Combined Federal Campaign

By Holly L. Birchfield
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When Robins sets a goal - it takes the job of meeting it seriously.

And this year's Combined Federal Campaign was no different, with Robins raising \$18,000 more than its \$1,275,000 goal during the six-week fund-raising effort that stretched from Oct. 6 - Nov. 17.

Lt. Col. Bryan Hudson, Chairman of the Middle Georgia CFC, said the campaign's outcome is a testa-

ment of Robins' total team approach.

"This year, there was a lot of energy and leadership from unit commanders and unit monitors," he said. "These are the folks who brought us here - and they deserve all the credit."

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, agreed.

"Team Robins has been exceedingly generous in their donations for the Combined Federal Campaign," said

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Reporting for duty



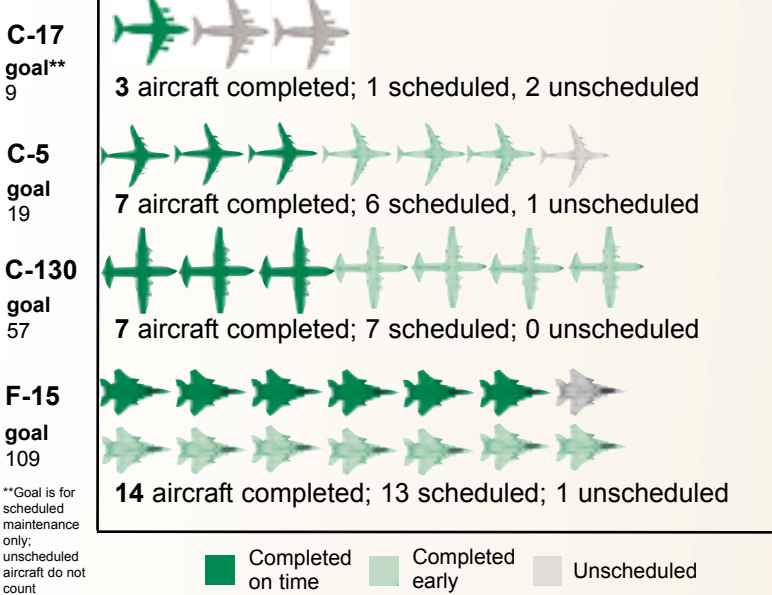
U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Larry Dow, one of six new Defense Department security guards, checks IDs at Robins' main gate Monday. Mr. Dow is a former flight chief for the 78th Security Forces Squadron. A total of 35 DoD guards will be hired to help alleviate the 78th Security Forces operational commitments. The civilian guards will be assigned to Robins for at least one year. Near the year's end, Robins will reevaluate the contract to determine if the positions are still necessary. The 1177th Transportation Company, a U.S. Army National Guard unit from LaGrange, Ga., has been manning the gates since early 2003. The mobilization was a part of an agreement between the Air Force and Army for Soldiers to augment security at Air Force bases in the United States and overseas.

Aircraft Maintenance Output

fiscal 2005 year-to-date production

(year-to-date as of Nov. 19)



U.S. Air Force graphic by Staff Sgt. Brian Bahret

Robins
3-day
forecast

Courtesy of 78th
OSS/OSW

Today
Mostly cloudy
with rain

70/57

Thursday
Mostly cloudy
with morning rain

67/53

Friday
Mostly cloudy

61/47

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Services canned food drive continues through Dec. 17

By Holly L. Birchfield
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The Smith Community Center is working with other base units and agencies to make sure families at Robins don't go hungry this holiday season.

As part of its Joy of Giving: Supporting Families at Robins Air Force Base Food Drive, the Smith Community Center will be collecting canned and non-perishable food items through Dec. 17.

Lynne Brackett, Smith Community Center director, said the event is a way for Robins to team up for a good cause.

"This is a way we're trying to help families during the holidays," she said. "If families don't have to spend their money on groceries, they can spend it on Christmas presents - making it a better Christmas for the entire family."

Items such as canned and boxed food, as well as household items such as paper towels, may be dropped in collection boxes at the Commissary, the Base Exchange and other Services locations across base.

Collected items will be placed in holiday

How to give

The Joy of Giving: Supporting Families at Robins Air Force Base Food Drive is a food collection effort sponsored by the Smith Community Center to help families in the base community. From now through Dec. 17, donated canned and non-perishable food items may be left in designated collection boxes at Services locations. Donated items will be included in holiday baskets. Anyone who knows a family who could benefit from receiving a basket may pick up an application at the Smith Community Center in Building 767. For more information on how your unit can get a food collection box for the drive, contact Lynne Bracket at 926-2105.

baskets and delivered in the Robins community on Dec. 20-21.

Anyone interested in nominating a family to receive a holiday basket should complete an application at the community center and bring a list of needed items to be included in the family's basket.

Reveille, retreat give Robins time to reflect, honor flag

By Holly L. Birchfield
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While Reveille and Retreat are ceremonial pauses at the beginning and ending of the workday for some – to others, they're about taking a moment to remember the sacrifice of those who gave up a lifetime for freedom.

And in the near future, Robins will be able to hear the ceremonial sounds of these patriotic moments base-wide through the Giant Voice – a sound system with speakers located across base.

Reveille – marked by the raising the American flag and the playing of "To the Colors" at 7 a.m. – and Retreat - marked by lowering the flag and the playing of the national anthem at 5 p.m. – are military traditions that once helped direct troops, but now the ceremonies serve a different purpose.

"It's an opportunity to honor the flag and reflect on the great sacrifices that we have made – those that are currently serving – and also to look at the sacrifices others have made," Senior Master Sgt. Ray Bocook, flight chief

What to know

Reveille - a ceremony to signify the raising of the U.S. flag and mark the start of the official duty day - and Retreat - a ceremony to signify the lowering of the American flag and mark the end of the official duty day - have been part of military tradition since the 18th Century. Reveille ("To the Colors") is played at 7 a.m. and Retreat ("The Star Spangled Banner") is played at 5 p.m. each workday.

of the Airman Leadership School who teaches Airmen how to properly conduct Reveille and Retreat ceremonies as part of his school's curriculum, said. "It's also a time to be thankful we were born in this country. There's no better place in the world to be born than in the United States of America. People fight and die just to come here for what our flag represents."

Gayle Martin, chief of Protocol for the Center, said many may not know how to properly show their respect.

According to Mrs. Martin,

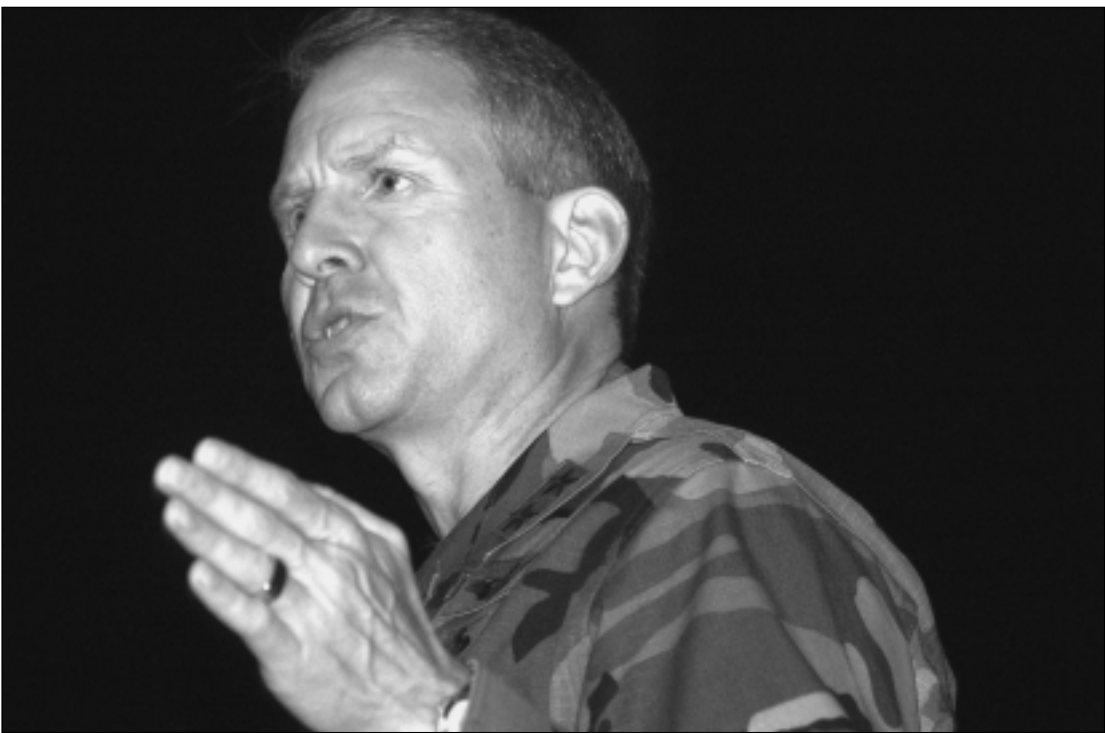
upon the first note of the national anthem or "To the Colors", military members are to stand at attention and salute the flag or toward the sound of the music if the flag is not visible.

Civilians honoring the flag during Reveille and Retreat are expected to stand with their hands over their hearts, facing the flag or the sound of the music, and remain standing until the last note is played.

Anyone who is driving on base as the national anthem begins to play should stop their vehicles and remain silent until the last note is played.

Mrs. Martin said she thinks taking a few moments to show honor to the American flag and all it represents should be a heartfelt desire of every American.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's just something a citizen of the United States should want to do," she said. "It's not only showing respect for the flag, but it shows respect for everything that has gone before and the people who have sacrificed for our freedom."



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, speaks at one of 10 commander's calls at the Warner Robins Civic Center Monday morning.

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"Truly it was a great year for the Center and for Robins Air Force Base," he said. "I want to congratulate each and every one of you for the tremendous effort."

After the look back, which also included decreases in workplace grievances and a continued drop in flow days, the general gave a synopsis of Air Force Materiel Command today. Detailing where the command is headed and how that pertains to the people at Robins, he explained the mission, goals, objectives and the changes being put in place to reach them from the top down. Some of the changes include the PEO, or acquisition management structure, Headquarters and financial restructure and attrition based planning.

Focusing in on Robins and how it can become a world class installation, he explained the "People First, Mission Always" initiative.

"The focus here is on the people," said General Collings. "That doesn't mean that the mission isn't important, because it's vitally important. But, if you focus exclusively on the mission, the work force isn't involved in the process and feels disconnected from the mission and sees it as just a job.

"My commitment to you as

men and women of the ALC is that I'm going to put you first in everything that I and that we, the senior leadership, do on this base," he said.

In return he asks for integrity. Quoting the Bible and John F. Kennedy, he asked that each person approach their job with integrity.

"You also need to be physically fit," he said. "Physically fit people are more mentally alert, more productive, are sick less and have better personal lives. I think it's important that we afford that opportunity to everybody at Robins."

One way to achieve that is the civilian fitness program, a three-phase initiative meant to help civilians get in shape. The first of the program's initiatives called walk into wellness is set to begin in January. Another initiative he is very excited about is a three-hour fitness leave test.

In that test, a controlled group from the C-5 area will be granted three hours of fitness leave per week. They will receive a physical baseline health assessment at the beginning, fill out a health questionnaire and be able to work out on the clock. After six months an evaluation will be done, and if successful, it may be done across the Center.

He discussed improved civilian recognition programs, reducing the risks of suicide and violence and sexual assault.

Along with improvements for people, Robins is also embracing improvements in infrastructure.

He addressed infrastructure updates such as the new main gate and visitors' center set to be complete Aug. 15, the corrosion control paint and depaint facility, a new commissary project set to break ground in July and future renovations to Buildings 300 and 301 that will total more than \$100 million.

Safety is always an important issue, and the commander made a point to discuss the importance of wearing personal protective equipment.

"Don't feel that the production demand of your job outweighs your personal safety," he said.

He also stressed pedestrian safety which includes the use of crosswalks. Programs are coming forth to enforce this.

Last but not least was Operational Risk Reduction.

"I'm proud of each and every one of you," he said. "I'm, proud to be your commander. "We can not fly without what the men and women of AFMC do. I want to make sure that the focus of next year is on you."

Ultimate goals are to have a work force that embraces Air Force core values, is accountable, understands the need for discipline, welcomes training and force development, and embraces the idea that safety is everyone's responsibility.

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MAJ. GEN. MIKE COLLINGS
Center commander

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Colonel Patterson. "We have surpassed our goal and once again proven our commitment to service. Thank you, Team Robins, for recognizing the tremendous benefit to these worthy charitable organizations and working

together to exceed our goal."

Robins raised \$1,297,932 in last year's campaign, reaching \$47,000 beyond the base's 2003 CFC goal.

The base will host its 'Victory Celebration' Dec. 2 in Robins Park, to recognize unit commanders, unit monitors and others who played a vital role in the campaign's success.

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SERVICES HOLIDAY HOURS

FACILITIES OPEN:

Base Library, open today from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon - 5 p.m.

Bowling Center, open Saturday at 4 p.m.

Enlisted Club, open Friday at 5 p.m., J R Rockers and bar bingo available with social hour bingo available with food until 9 p.m.

Fitness Center, open Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Flight Line Kitchen, normal hours of operation

Golf Course, open Friday from 7 a.m. to dusk

Lodging, normal hours of operation

Officers' Club, open Friday at 6 p.m.

Skeet Range, open Saturday and Sunday from noon - 6 p.m.

Wynn Dining Facility, open Thursday for breakfast from 6 - 8 a.m., Thanksgiving meal from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., military personnel from 2 - 4 p.m., midnight meal from 11 p.m. to midnight

FACILITIES CLOSED:

Aero Club, administration and sales closed Thursday - Sunday

Arts & Crafts Center, closed Thursday - Sunday

Auto Skills Center, closed Thursday and Friday

Base Library, closed Thursday

Base Restaurant, closed Thursday and Friday

Bowling Center, closed Thursday and Friday

CDC East & West, closed Thursday and Friday

Enlisted Club, closed Thursday

Family Child Care, closed through Friday

Flight Line Facility closed Thursday and Friday

Food Service office, closed Thursday and Friday

Golf Course, closed Thursday

Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, closed Thursday and Friday

Human Resource office, closed Thursday and Friday

Information, Tickets and Travel, closed Thursday and Friday

Japanese Grill, closed Thursday and Friday

Marketing, closed Thursday and Friday

Nature Center, closed Thursday and Friday

Officers' Club, closed Thursday

Pizza Depot, closed Thursday - Sunday

Rental Center, closed Thursday and Friday

Resource Management office/NAF, closed Thursday and Friday

Skeet Range, closed Thursday and Friday

Smith Community Center, closed Thursday - Sunday

Teen Center, closed Thursday and Friday

Vet services, closed Thursday and Friday

Wood Shop, closed Thursday and Friday

Youth Center, closed Thursday - Saturday

Speed limits are not made to be broken

By Chrissy Zdrakas
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The sign says 15 mph, and your vehicle is creeping along in military family housing. You just finished Christmas shopping, and you are in a hurry to get home. The office party starts in just 45 minutes. Looking around, you check your rearview mirror and decide to step on the gas. After all, nobody's watching. In a flash, a happy six-year-old, eyes bright with excitement and clutching a small, cuddly stuffed Santa, darts into

your path. His eyes dim; their light goes out as he pitches forward landing face down on the pavement. Santa won't be visiting this year. You heard the sound of your own screeching brakes and a mother's screams. But your attention is elsewhere, glued to the street and the tragic scene bridging the gap between now and seconds ago. You weep tears of regret, remorse and a deeper sorrow than you've ever known.

Thankfully, the events described here never hap-

pened. But they could. That's why the 78th Security Forces Squadron is stepping up its patrols, both on foot and on designated vehicle runs, in military housing neighborhoods.

"We can't wipe out accidents altogether," said 2nd Lt. Sarah Parris, security forces assistant operations officer. "But we can make drivers aware of the hazards and hot spots and monitor traffic in problem areas."

"People should expect that more children will be out and about because of holiday vaca-

tions," Lieutenant Parris said. "We are asking drivers to watch out for them – to exercise caution and observe the speed limits, not only in housing areas, but everywhere on and off base."

Speed limits are posted for good reasons, she said, and are based on observable hazards that have been encountered.

"We want to see everyone on base driving with caution, adapting to traffic conditions and looking out for pedestrians," she said. "We are in the season of giving. To my mind, the best gift a driver could give

is to exercise the three Cs – courtesy, caution and common sense behind the wheel."

Moving violations on Robins can cost drivers points. A cumulative 12 points could lead to suspension of driving privileges on base for a year. The points are based on the severity of the offense. Offenses like reckless driving and driving too fast for conditions each could carry six-point penalties.

"Please help us to make this holiday season a safe and happy one for all of us," Lieutenant Parris said.

Jumper: AEF has been successful

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper told House Armed Services Committee members that while reconstitution of air expeditionary forces is not moving as quickly as expected, the concept is battle-proven.

The Air Force's highest-ranking uniformed member testified before the House of Representatives on Nov. 17 on the current state of the service.

"Last February, when I sat in front of this committee, we talked about the reconstitution of our air expeditionary forces and the fact that we were in the midst of experimenting to see if the AEF concept actually worked," General Jumper told more than 30 legislators. "I can report our ability to pull eight of our 10 AEFs forward to engage in major combat operations, and then reset those, has been a success."

General Jumper also explained to legislators how the Air Force recently

increased the AEF deployment length.

"We have (extended) our deployment time from 90 to 120 days," he said. "We have about 80 percent of our force on 120-day rotation. About 20 percent of the high-demand forces are on rotations (lasting) up to one year."

The general told committee members that while visiting deployed Airmen and troops of their sister services, he picked up on a common theme.

"I have been to Iraq and visited the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines over there," General Jumper said. "The singular message I bring back from them is 'let's not quit until we are done.' They believe that. They are dedicated to the mission they are engaged in over there and want to see it through."

Committee members asked about retention and recruiting numbers. General Jumper said the Air Force has been very successful.

"We are enjoying excellent results in our recruiting and retention," General Jumper

said. "As a matter of fact, one of the problems is that our end strength is more than it should be. We will spend the next year working down to our authorized end strength of 360,000."

Efforts to reduce the total Air Force to the authorized end strength are part of the service's force-shaping initiative. Force shaping includes reduction through retirement or separation, but it also involves moving Airmen from career fields with overages into career fields with shortages. Air Force officials have been quick to say that while they work to pare down membership, they will keep in mind the desires of those affected.

"In order to keep from breaking faith with those who want to stay in the Air Force, we are going to take most of this from our initial recruiting," General Jumper said. "We have a plan to do that; I think it is going to work. I don't want to kick out any Airmen who want to stay. They have shown us great loyalty, and I want to return that loyalty to them."

Air Force working to fix pay issues

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – In testimony before Congress Thursday, the Air Force's finance director said there are issues with the service's pay system, but officials are tackling them.

Michael Montelongo, assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management, told the Senate Armed Services Committee subcommittee on readiness and management support that Air Force officials are using an approach similar to the Army's to deal with pay issues involving reservists and guardsmen.

"(We are) bringing together the different (areas) involved in the total-pay process," Mr. Montelongo said. "We set up a (council) where we ... work on three areas: integrating the people involved in the process, making sure our processes are as integrated as possible and doing some of the near-term fixes in our personnel (and) pay systems so that we mitigate ... pay problems."

These areas include the Air Force's personnel and finance communities and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the

Department of Defense-level agency responsible for paying every American servicemember.

In the past, pay issues have risen from disconnects between at least two of those areas – those internal to the Air Force. Total money to an Airman, beyond base pay, is based on entitlements – meaning a pay is calculated by actions taken by both the finance and personnel Airmen.

The failure of one to report in a timely manner to the other that an Airmen has been deployed could result in a pay issue.

Nevertheless, Air Force officials' work to bridge the gap has alleviated some of the problems.

"While we still have some issues, we are managing those, and they are not at the alarm level," Mr. Montelongo said.

Also key is a push to accelerate implementation of the Defense Integrated Military Human-Resource System, he said.

It is intended to replace and combine older personnel and pay computer systems in the DOD and in the component services. It will eventually replace DFAS's Defense Joint Military Pay System and the Air Force's Military Personnel Data System.

Lending a helping hand



U.S. Air Force photo by Theresa Laster

Maintenance Directorate employees gathered enough food donations to provide 35 families with the makings of a Thanksgiving meal. Lester Tennant, left, and Cheryl Hull gather and sort food to place in Thanksgiving boxes recently.

WINGMAN DAY HOURS

78th Communications Squadron

The help desk will be minimally manned. Call 926-HELP.

78th Medical Group

The clinic will honor all previously scheduled appointments and will operate with minimum manning throughout the day.

Family Support Center

Both family support center facilities will be closed for Wingman Day.

Chapel

The chapel will be open for emergencies and all chaplains can be reached through the command post.

Military Personnel Flight

The military personnel flight will be closed for

Wingman Day.
Civilian Personnel Flight

The Civilian Personnel Flight will be closed for Wingman Day.

Pass and Registration

The Pass and Registration office will be closed for Wingman Day.

78th Customer Service Technician

The Financial Services Office will be closed on Wingman's Day.

Editor's note: For those needing emergency services, phone numbers will be posted on the doors of organizations. Points of contact will also be available by calling the command post at 327-2612.

Space, Missile career field seeking officers

The Air Force is looking for an additional 30-40 Airmen to consider retraining into the space and missile career field. Interested officers must first contact their assignment team to determine if they can be released from their current career field. Applicants must pass a Class III flying physical. More Information can be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/nr-ops/13S/SPAM%20Home.htm. Completed packages must arrive at AFPC no later than Dec. 14. The package can either be faxed to DSN 665-2295, Comm. (210) 565-2295; or mailed to:

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In time of loss, family liaison officers lend needed support

By Lanorris Askew
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Within hours of hearing of the tragic loss of one of his fellow squadron mates, Senior Master Sgt. Paul Humphrey of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron was sitting in front of the young grieving widow.

With two hours of a special Survivor’s Assistance Program course called Just in Time Training under his belt, the sergeant began what would become his full-time job for the next few weeks, helping the grieving family navigate through Air Force lingo, programs and red tape.

“I acted as an executive assistant to the family,” he said. “I was sort of a coordinator. I showed the people coming into town where they would stay, where the funeral home was and directed them to any services they needed such as the chaplain.”

While those duties were vitally important, they were only a few assigned to the sergeant as the family liaison officer, or FLO.

As the FLO he also escorted the family to all meetings and appointments and helped them understand military lingo.

Thinking back on the experience, Sergeant Humphrey said it was not a job he volunteered to do, but one he put his all into for the sake of the family.

“There is no time for grieving,” he said. “Had I known the deceased, I don’t think I would have been able to do the job. I tried to make the process as easy as possible for them because one day someone may have to do this for me.”

According to Capt. Sandra Quinones, combat support

flight commander, the FLO is the conduit between the family members of the deceased and the Air Force.

He or she takes questions the family may have, and finds the experts who have the answers. He or she then unites the family with that expert who provides a briefing on the subject of their question.

“Often, especially if it’s a single Airman that loses his or her life, if the family isn’t affiliated with the military it’s hard for them to get the information they need,” said Captain Quinones. “They may get passed from this person to that person, so the FLO is the one point of contact for the family to ask questions.”

The FLO is appointed within 24 hours after the death occurs. After the family has been notified, the Casualty Affairs office notifies the Mortuary Affairs office which has 24 hours to provide their briefing to the family. The FLO goes with them on that visit and takes notes to see who is briefing in case the family has questions later.

The FLO falls under the wing commander’s Air Force Survivor’s Assistance Program and is appointed in writing by the squadron commander.

“The FLO must be a master sergeant or above, someone who thinks well on his or her feet, is sensitive to the family’s needs and has the capability to handle the grieving of the family,” she said.

When the FLO is selected, the 78th Services Division provides “just in time” training. They are given a checklist and insert from the Air Force Instruction, they watch



Capt. Sandra Quinones is the combat support flight commander.



Senior Master Sgt. Paul Humphrey is a family liaison officer.

Who they are, what they do

The focal point of the Survivor Assistance Program is the family liaison officer. A FLO is assigned by the squadron commander of the deceased for Department of Defense civilians and active duty, if the family wishes to have one. The FLO:

- Serves as the commander’s personal representative.
- Makes sure the family is kept fully informed and supported as long as necessary.
- Helps the family navigate its way through the complex world of entitlements, benefits and services.
- Works with any investigating boards to make sure the family receives all releasable information as soon as possible and before it is released to the media.

a video and get a handout with information for the family.

Sergeant Humphrey said he feels really good about the job Robins did on his case.

“It wasn’t rare for people to go above and beyond the call of duty,” he said. “Seeing the way the agencies went out of their way to help her. It makes you really proud to be in the Air Force.”

THE WEEK IN PHOTOS

www.robins.af.mil/pa/revup-online/weekinphotos.htm

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AF, AFMC leaders send Thanksgiving message



Gen. Gregory S. Martin is the Air Force Materiel Command commander.

By Gen. Gregory S. Martin

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio – In the autumn of 1621, following a year of hardship, the pilgrims of Plymouth Colony celebrated the first Thanksgiving. Their willingness to risk their lives for freedom and a better life stands today as a symbol for the sacrifices of our nation’s founders and of the sacrifices required by us in today’s dangerous world to ensure our security and liberty.

Thanksgiving Day reminds us to slow down and take note of all the blessings in our lives. For we who are able this year to gather around our tables with family and friends to observe the holiday, let’s also be thankful for those who can’t be pre-

sent because of their commitments in Afghanistan, Iraq and other strife-torn parts of the world.

At this time of year, I am especially thankful for the men and women of AFMC who contribute so much to the defense of our nation and whose dedication helps ensure freedom for future generations.

I’m proud to lead such a professional team, sustained by supportive families, motivated by a foundational sense of duty, and energized by a belief in making the world better for others. You embody the American spirit.

Please enjoy the bounties of the season, be careful in your travels, and return renewed for the challenging and important work ahead.

WASHINGTON – *The following is a Thanksgiving message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:*

“Each year, Americans set aside the special day of ‘Thanksgiving’ to gather with family and friends to count their blessings. At the first Thanksgiving festivals in the Virginia and Massachusetts colonies, the original settlers made praise and prayer for a bountiful harvest and hope for a promising future the centerpiece of their celebrations.

“This Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the blessings we have as Americans because our nation still holds the promise of bountiful lands and the right of freedom. We enjoy peace and prosperity like no other nation. The rest of the world admires our way of life because America’s values are bedrock.

“For Airmen, we count an extra blessing

around the Thanksgiving table this year: the privilege of serving in the greatest air and space force in the world. By your professionalism, dedication and willingness to answer our country’s call at a time of war, you stand as the shining example of strength, courage, and patriotism for us all. Indeed, as Americans give thanks for their many blessings this Thanksgiving Day, they’ll offer their gratitude to you for safeguarding our great nation.

“This Thanksgiving Day finds many of our Airmen deployed throughout the world in defense of America and to help give others a chance for freedom. Please remember them in your prayers and make sure their families are taken care of on this special holiday.

“We’re very proud of you and your families for what you do to protect our cherished freedoms. Happy Thanksgiving!”

Wingman Day spotlights Robins most important assets

By Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing commander

Today Robins Air Force Base is fully engaged in Wingman Day.

This day is an Air Force sanctioned opportunity to stop, think, listen and communicate about the amazing successes each and every Airman contributes to every day and the stress that often accompanies sustained suc-

cess in the profession of military arms.

Today is our day to be proud of who we are and our many accomplishments and successes, to openly acknowledge our often stressful environment, and to expose each other to proper coping mechanisms.

You – members of the Air Force and Robins Air Force Base community – are our most important asset.

We absolutely care about your well-being and we encourage you today, and every day, to be aware.

Seek the proper help when necessary and be there to help others when it’s needed. Robins Air Force Base is a family.

We must make it our business to ensure we are aware of the well-being of our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, daugh-

ters and sons. It starts by getting to know the people around you; getting away from your desk and taking the time to personally communicate.


A true wingman covers your back, helps you in trouble, and lets you know when you are going astray.

Be there for your fellow Airman, and I look forward to seeing you at the Wingman Day Picnic!

“We must make it our business to ensure we are aware of the well-being of our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, daughters and sons.”

COL. GREG PATTERSON
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander’s Action Line



Col. Greg Patterson
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Bosses Day giving

Many of the employees have an issue with the “Bosses Day” and other civilian “Hallmark” appointed recognition days. This is not a government appointed holiday, and it should not be a day that government employees are asked to donate money or pay for their bosses’ lunches and expensive gifts. It should also be brought to the attention of each employee that there is a threshold on the dollar amount that is allowed to be given.

If an employee does not donate, then everyone in the office knows about it, and the employee is ostracized. Many of us feel that civilian appointed holidays such as Secretaries Day and Bosses Day should not be incorporated into the government work place. If employees would like to recognize their junior/senior employees, then they should or could give a simple card or thank you card. But to give a \$50 gift certificate is inappropriate and then having to pay for lunch on top of that for recognition for that person is going way overboard. I believe this needs to be addressed Department of Defense-wide.

Commander’s reply: Thank you for allowing me to address your concerns. Civilian employees at Robins Air Force Base are not obligated to make donations for any purpose. While some employees may wish to make contributions, others may not wish

to do so. The DoD regulation 5500.7-R, Standards of Conduct, states that DoD employees may solicit from other DoD employees a nominal amount not to exceed \$10 for a group gift to a superior and an additional nominal amount not subject to the \$10 limit for food, refreshments, etc. for special, infrequent occasions such as you describe.

Additionally, the Staff Judge Advocate’s Office addresses this subject in the Robins Rev-Up and in ethics training. Any contributions made toward gifts for supervisors or co-workers are to be strictly voluntary and should be collected in such a way that specific amounts donated or not donated are not identifiable to any particular individual.

Reserved parking slots

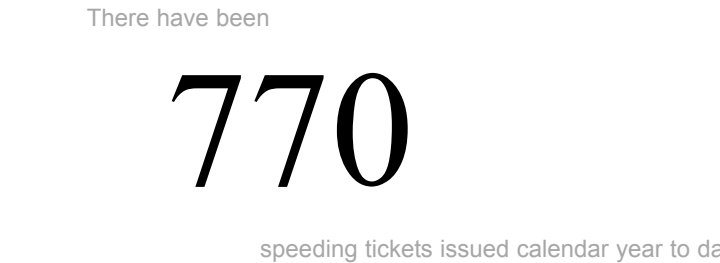
I have noticed that a number of open parking spaces around Building 300 are marked “reserved” not with the painted sign on the ground but with a sign on a stick. Are these legally reserved spaces or is it a case of “staking your claim” and having a reserved spot? The parking lot near the Precision Measurement Lab is particularly populated with these “home grown” stick signs.

Commander’s reply: Thank you for your concern for parking at Robins. Your question regarding the “home grown” stick signs,

or parking stanchions, is a valid one. In fact this is one of the identified areas being addressed in a current revision of the Robins parking instruction. Currently, parking monitors are the appropriate officials for establishing use of temporary stanchions around their facilities. I would like to stress that use of parking stanchions is intended for temporary reasons. The proposed revision defines acceptable uses of parking stanchions, identifies issuing authority, describes standardized sign requirements, and limits the time period as a way to frequently validate the legal use of stanchions. More specific guidance will be released for implementation upon acceptance of the revisions.

Parking stanchions are not acceptable for marking permanent reserved slots on Robins. Approved permanent spaces are designated with painting the appropriate symbol, letters and number on the pavement. Permanent use includes the following categories: organizational, customer service/visitor, government vehicle, special (e.g. expectant mother), or permanently handicapped person parking. Any individual who takes it upon himself/herself to “stake their claim” and create their own personal reserved parking space is wrong. This is in violation of the base parking instruction (RAFBI 31-205). The illegal sign or stanchion will be removed once reported to the appropriate parking monitor. Organizational parking monitors are the point of contact for initiating the approval process for a legal reserved parking space.

Remember to slow down



How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.	10 miles = 3 points
	11 - 15 miles = 4 points
	16 - 20 miles = 5 points
	21+ miles = 6 points

Source: AFI 31-204




Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker



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AF Reserve band plays free concert in Macon Tuesday

By 1st Lt. Lance Patterson
Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will play a free holiday concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Grand Opera House in Macon. Sponsoring this year’s holiday concert is the Air Force Association.

The 45-member Concert Band is the largest and most versatile ensemble of the band with several subunits. It plays classical overtures, Sousa marches, Broadway show tunes and popular music favorites.

“Seasonal music will be played by the 45-member Concert Band,” said Tech. Sgt. John Alexander, non-commissioned officer in charge of band public affairs. “The band appreciates the opportunity to perform at the historic Grand Opera House in Macon. It’s a great place to hear music, and we’d like to welcome everyone in Middle Georgia to come out on (Tuesday) Nov. 30 for a great time.”

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve travels about 100,000 miles per year performing more than 500 concerts.

Made up of 60 active-duty musicians, the band is assigned to Air Force Reserve Command here. Performing primarily in the Southeast, the band has represented the Air Force Reserve around the world including performances in Russia’s Red Square, and Japan’s Budokan Marching Festival.

The band has performed with such notable artists as Celine Dion, Faith Hill, Amy Grant, Vince Gill and CeCe Winans.

All members of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve are full-time professional Air Force musicians working in support of Air Force Reserve recruiting and community relations objectives.



Courtesy photo

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Want to go?

The Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve will play a free holiday concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Grand Opera House in Macon. General admission tickets to the concert are free and available at the Grand Opera House ticket sales office at 400 Poplar St., Macon, and Flint Energies at 1600 Elberta Rd., Warner Robins.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

Holiday postal deadlines

The recommended deadlines for sending mail from the United States to all overseas military mailing addressees for the holidays are listed below.

- Space-available mail: Saturday.
- Parcel airlift mail: Dec. 4.
- Priority and first-class letters/cards: Dec. 11 (Dec. 6 for APO 093).
- Express mail military service: Dec. 20 (Not applicable for APO 093).

Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative

A Blue Cross and Blue Shield representative will be in Building 255 at the entrance to the right of the center doors Tuesday and Dec. 1. The representative will be available from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. by appointment only. All appointments will be in 15 minute increments. Call (404) 923-3180 or e-mail fep-info@bcb-sga.com and provide a date and time frame that is convenient for you. Leave your phone number or e-mail address and your appointment will be confirmed.

78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony at 10 a.m. Dec. 3 at the Base Theater. Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Show your unit’s pride and spirit; come and join us in congratulating our new promotees. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward or Staff Sgt. Jessica Jackson at 926-0792.

ASIST schedule

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) will be held Dec. 15-16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Occupational Health Building, Building 207. Military members attending ASIST should wear civilian clothes. Attendees for each class must be willing to attend both days. Volunteers for ASIST need to be just that - people willing to help others, not people to fill seats. We are looking for emotionally stable folks - in other words, not people leadership is aware of, who are hurting or struggling with significant personal issues. To register to attend the class, call the Health & Wellness Center at 327-8480 or e-mail zimmerman@robins.af.mil.

YMCA holiday camp

The YMCA will offer a day camp as a child care alternative for working parents during the holidays. The camp will be held at the YMCA at 2954 Moody Rd., Warner Robins. The schedule: Dec. 20-24, pre-register by Dec. 15; Dec. 27 -31; and Jan. 3-5. Camp hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the camp closing at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. A non-refundable/non-transferable, one-day/child fee of \$15 for full member and \$20 for program members is required to pre-register. This fee will be applied towards the child’s first day of camp. The camp is for children currently enrolled in kindergarten through 12 years old. For more information, contact Toni Bacon at 922-2566 or tbacon@hocoymca.org.

Tax center needs team members

The Robins base tax center needs you to help active duty and retired military members

and their dependents in the filing of income tax returns. Military members who wish to join the tax center team should notify their first sergeant through their supervisors. The deadline to volunteer is Dec. 20. Team members will receive free training in the field of computerized income tax preparation. The tax center will be open from Jan. 24 to April 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. During that time, team members will prepare and file income tax returns for eligible

clients. Questions may be directed to Staff Sgt. Da-Vonna S. Cromwell at 926-9276.

Base Housing refuse pickup

Due to Christmas and New Years’ holidays being observed on a Friday, refuse pickup for Base Housing will be changed to Thursday, Dec. 23 and Thursday, Dec. 30. If you have any questions, contact Gail Davis at 926-5820 extension 188.

Arkansas Air Guard vacancies

The 223rd Combat Communication Squadron in Hot Springs, Ark., has traditional Guard vacancies for individuals who are separating from the active duty Air Force or who are qualified for the Palace Chase/Palace Front Program in the following: AFSC’s 2E1X1, 3C0X1, 3C251, 2E2X1, 2E6X1, 2E1X3 and 3E1X1. Cross training is available. The following officer position is

available: electrical engineer. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Kenneth R. Esaw at DSN 627-9226 or at (800) 631-0509.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc. chapter scholarships

The Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen Inc. at Robins is accepting applications for the Pratt & Whitney Golden Eagle Award scholarship. Financially disadvantaged, deserving young men and women who

demonstrate a sincere pursuit of education leading to aviation, aerospace, engineering or technology careers will receive a \$20,000 scholarship. Forty-one Tuskegee Airmen scholarships of \$1,500 will also be awarded. Applicants must be students of accredited high schools who will graduate in 2005. Application forms and instructions may be obtained from high school guidance counselors, www.tuskegeearmen.org or from the Robins chapter. Deadline is Feb. 12.

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Defense Department investigating contracts, reviewing procedures

Air Force Print News Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department’s director of acquisition announced Nov. 9 actions being taken to investigate contracts made by Darleen Druyun and initiatives to eliminate future potential for unethical behavior.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Druyun pleaded guilty to conspiracy to violate Title 18, Section 208 of the U.S. Code. This law prohibits officers and employees of the United States from participating personally and substantially in any matter in which they have a personal financial interest. Mrs. Druyun improperly negotiated employment with the Boeing Company while employed as an Air Force acquisition official negotiating with Boeing on behalf of the Air Force.

She was sentenced Oct. 1, to nine months in federal prison. As part of her sentencing, Mrs. Druyun admitted that she favored Boeing in certain contract negotiations as a result of her employment negotiations and other favors provided by Boeing to her. Since her daughter and son-in-law worked for the company, and she was also interested in working for Boeing, she reported a sense of obligation to the company.

Air Force officials reacted with outrage.

“Her violation of core values is an affront to all who serve in the Air Force, especially those serving in the acquisition community,” said Dr. Marvin R. Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition.

“When this came to light there were two reactions — shock and anger,” Dr. Sambur said. “Her criminal actions went completely against our core values of integrity, service before self and excellence. She not only broke the law, she betrayed the trust and responsibility placed in her. Her self-serving activities have damaged the credibility of the entire institution.”

Michael W. Wynne, principal undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, said he and Dr. Sambur were concerned with the concentration of authority Mrs. Druyun had before she was sentenced. Both officials had discussed methods to diminish the power she had, but “we had no idea what was coming,” Mr. Wynne said.

Mr. Wynne said the DoD has also taken steps in dealing with the aftermath of the Druyun case.

Competing defense contractors Lockheed Martin, BAE and L3 Com have all filed protests. The Air Force recommended that the unclassified protests be moved to the Government Accountability

Office to ensure a fair and impartial review.

Mr. Wynne agreed, adding, “In each case, the contractors informed me that (they) recognize this is a problem that was (beyond) anybody’s expectation. They felt the perception of impartiality was important to maintain. The GAO is a standing figure that can offer us that.”

Protests from the defense contractors questioned, among other things, the handling of contracts involving the C-130 Hercules modernization project, the small diameter bomb and certain classified programs.

Mr. Wynne said he asked Sallie Flavin, deputy director of the Defense Contract Management Agency, to form a team to survey all contract actions Mrs. Druyun may have been involved in during her Air Force tenure. The team would include DoD, Army and Navy officials and would be supported by data supplied by the Air Force.

The team would look not only at scenarios where Mrs. Druyun was the source selection official for a contract, but would extend into any area where her influence may have been exerted. These areas include contract extensions and award fees.

According to Mr. Wynne, the DoD is convening a review board of internal and external experts under the leadership of the defense science board. The task force would be comprised of academics skilled in business management and ethics.

“The purpose of the review is to provide advice on how she accrued enough power to get into a situation where she could do this,” Mr. Wynne said. “Then to tell me what checks and balances we need to put in via policy. Is there a best practice in the major acquisition organizations that is already there that I can adopt, or do we need to create one?”

Acquisition structure and processes changes

While Darleen Druyun was still employed in the Air Force, Air Force officials recognized the structure had the potential for abuse. Beginning in March 2002, the Air Force embarked on a comprehensive strategy to change its acquisition structure and processes:

■ Creating the Acquisition Center of Excellence to improve program structure and execution in March 2002.

■ Realigned Mrs. Druyun’s responsibilities; removed her source selection and head of contracting authorities.

■ Eliminating Mrs. Druyun’s position upon her departure in November 2002.

■ Realigning the program executive office reporting structure and decentralized program execution responsibilities outside of Washington.

■ Implementing quarterly program executive office program reviews, monthly and weekly status reporting, and automated program reporting and tracking tools.

■ Directing that the assistant secretary for acquisition be briefed on all major source selections before contract awards.

The task force would review all major service components, for both insight and to see if other officials in the Department have accrued the same power Ms. Druyun had.

“Our ultimate objective,” Dr. Sambur said, “is for our acquisition structure and processes to reflect the integrity that our people and the American public expect of their Air Force.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE EXPANSION AND OPERATION OF THE LARGE AIRCRAFT FUNCTIONAL TEST RAMP AT ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE GA

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center (WR-ALC) announces the availability for public review and comment of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposed unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment Expansion and Operation of the Large Aircraft Functional Test Ramp at Robins Air Force Base (RAFB) GA.

The proposed action is to extend and operate a functional test ramp within the Flightline West Planning Area of RAFB. The finished ramp will exist as a joint operation with the planned Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Facility to service C-5, C-130, and C-17 transport aircraft.

Environmental resource areas assessed include the physical environment, air quality, wastewater, hazardous waste, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic and safety. The EA determined that the proposed action would not cause significant impacts to wastewater, hazardous waste, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic and safety. However, conforming to regulatory standards established by the United States Department of Labor and GA EPD is required to protect the physical environment, air quality and noise at Robins AFB and surrounding area.

Under the No-Action Alternative, the aircraft functional test ramp would continue to operate under the existing conditions and decrease mission efficiency.

A copy of the Draft EA and proposed unsigned FONSI are available for public viewing and comment for the next 30 days in the Nola Brantley Memorial Library (also known as the Houston County Library, 721 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA, 478-923-0128). For questions or comments, please contact the Robins AFB Office of Public Affairs at the following address:
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Museum of Aviation

turns 20



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Top, people gather at the Museum of Aviation to celebrate its 20th anniversary with coffee and doughnuts in the rotunda of the Eagle Building Friday. Above, Johnathan Brand, 3, sits in the cockpit of the F-15 with the help of Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman, 339th Flight Test Squadron. Below, guests applaud as Jan Collings, wife of Center Commander Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, cuts the birthday cake. Left, Rosa Arrowood, a museum charter member, looks through an album that contains photos from the museum's past.



What to know

The Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center opened in November 1984. It has grown to become the fourth largest aviation museum in the country. Located on 55 acres it has 95 aircraft and more than 200,000 square feet of exhibits. The facilities are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission is free.

By Lanorris Askew

lanorris.askew@robins.af.mil

Twenty years ago with one HU-16 Albatross, 16,072 square feet of space and less money than it takes to fill up today's average gas tank, what would one day become the "Crown Jewel" of middle Georgia was born.

The local community celebrated the Museum of Aviation Flight and Technology Center with a birthday celebration Friday complete with special guest speakers and a cake cutting ceremony.

Various aircraft throughout the facility were open for viewing.

Paul Hibbitts, museum director, thanked all who played a role in making the museum a success during the past two decades.

"What started out as one plane and \$20 has turned into a great showcase of aviation history and the history of Robins Air Force Base," he said. "We've become the fourth largest aviation museum in the country, and we couldn't have done that without the help and support of the men and women of Robins and the Middle Georgia community."

A STAR IS BORN

Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren, former Center commander, remembers getting a chuckle and a "good luck" in response to the idea of expanding the heritage program here by opening a museum.

He said he was told that there would be no federal money because only the Air Force museum at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, received those funds. That meant community support would be the museum's anchor.

"I don't think any community or any Air Force installation could've done what this community and our people have done," he said. "This is truly amazing."

He also commended commanders who have supported the museum since its birth.

Mr. Hibbitts echoed his sentiments.

"We've always had leadership who believed in the heritage program and continuing to tell the story of aviation history for Robins and the state of Georgia," he said. "Their getting it started was the key in giving us the support we needed to keep it going."

And it keeps going.

Educating students with such programs as Starbase Robins, Mission Quest and Middle Georgia youth and science center,

the museum is teaching the young and old alike.

"We don't take a back seat to any museum in America when it comes to providing inspiration and direction to the students who pass through here," said Pat Bartness, president and chief operating officer of the museum foundation. "This is not a static institution; it's a living, breathing, evolving facility that plays a key role in the Middle Georgia community."

THOSE WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE

Visitors to the museum will be wowed by aviation marvels both past and present, but what may impress them just as much is the staff. The facilities that make up the museum are manned by folks who love aviation and sharing its wonders.

"We have about 86 volunteers who spend anywhere from four to 16 hours a week coming here to man the information desk, conduct guided tours, work in the gift shop and even help with restoration work," said Mr. Hibbitts. "All of these folks give of their time because they love this museum, and they love meeting and greeting folks and talking about their experiences. We couldn't do on a day-to-day basis what we do without our volunteers."

Myrel Harner is one of those volunteers. Each Thursday he gives tours of aircraft, some of which have special meaning to him, like the B-29 Stratofortress. Mr. Harner was a flight engineer on the aircraft from 1948 to 1949 in the U.S. Air Corps.

A volunteer at the museum for 12 years, he said the job adds a little order to his life. "Here I have a schedule and I need that now since I'm retired," he said. "I enjoy being here. I like the old airplanes and the people I get to talk to. Every so often one comes in that I haven't seen in 40 or 50 years, and it's just wonderful."

WHAT COMES NEXT?

While the past two decades have been very productive in terms of growth, the future of the museum looks bright as well. According to Mr. Bartness they are finalizing plans for an expansion that will include the construction of a 60,000 square foot WWII building.

"We received approval this past summer from the Air Force and the Army to proceed and have selected a contractor," he said. "The plan is to break ground on the project just after the first of the year."

Soon after, the aircraft and exhibits will be moved out of Hangar One, which will be torn down to begin work on the site of the new aviation hall of fame.

According to Mr. Hibbitts, that will help move more planes out of the weather as well as add exhibits to increase visitation.



Paul Hibbitts is the Museum of Aviation director.



Retired Maj. Gen. Cornelius Nugteren is a former Center commander.



Pat Bartness is the president and chief operating officer of the museum foundation.

Poster contest winners



Courtesy photo

The Museum of Aviation Education Department held its second annual SkyScapes Poster Contest awards ceremony Nov. 13, in the Century of Flight Hangar. Three-hundred fifth-graders submitted illustrations based on this year's theme: Mission to Mars. The Middle Georgia students were given the opportunity to draw and color and create pictures from their imagination based on research about the red planet. This year's winners are, from left, first place, Macy Moulder; second place, Breanna Smith; third place, Brendan James; fourth place, Gerad Calaman; fifth place, Brandon Kelley; and Director's Choice Leo Ridthamart.

ROBINS CLUBS

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil

Procurement Toastmasters Club, open to all of Team Robins, meets the first and third Thursday of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate's conference room, north end of Building 300. For information, call Lily Fickler at 222-1673.

Ravens Toastmasters Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate's conference room No. 1, Building 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford at 222-3052.

Reserve Officers Association Chapter 36,

The Flying Tigers, holds its luncheon meetings the second Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m., at the Officers' Club. Lunch is pay-as-you-go buffet. Membership is open to Reserve officers of any service component, active or retired, and spouses. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Larry Ruggiero at 327-0227 or Lt. Col. Ray Cancilleri at 327-1622.

The Combat Veterans Group meets the first Saturday at 1 p.m. at VFW Post 6605 at 1011 Corder Rd., Warner Robins. For more information, call Cary Stokes at 836-2284.

Editor's Note: Information is provided by club members. To have your club or group's information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in Building 215, Room 106, by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following person has been approved as a participant in the leave transfer program.
George Trejo, MABAB. Point of contact is Jay Hinson at 926-1660.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format. **Protestant Inspirational Services** take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. **Protestant Contemporary Services** take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.
Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.
The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Bowling Center
A family of four can bowl two games each during family day Saturday from 4 - 8 p.m. Cost is \$25, which includes four hamburgers, fries and medium drinks.

Club membership
There are only six days left for applicants to join the club and get a chance to win up to \$3,000 in credit to their club card account as the grand prize winner; \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place in the "Get In On It" Air Force club membership drive going on now through Tuesday. Air Force-wide new and current members will be randomly chosen from a database at the end of the club drive to determine the winners.

The squadron challenge, in conjunction with the "Get In On It" club drive, will also end Tuesday. The challenge is divided into three categories: a party valued at \$1,000 for large units consisting of more than 100 people; a party valued at \$600 for medium units consisting of 50 - 99 people and a \$300 party for small units consisting of less than 49 people.

Membership dues for the enlisted club are \$8 per month for E-5 - E-9 and at a reduced rate of \$4 for E-1 - E-4 per month. Officers' club dues are \$18 per month. For complete details, call the officers' club at 926-2670 or the enlisted club at 926-4515.

Customer feedback survey
The annual Air Force Customer Feedback Survey will be delivered soon to Robins and given randomly to individuals throughout the base. For more information on the survey, call Services Marketing at 926-5492.

Family Child Care
The Returning Home Care Program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child. Eligible users are active duty members, Air National Guard and Air Reserve members assigned to or living on Robins. The care is provided in the Extended Duty Care FCC home. For more information, call 926-6741.

Go Program
Starting Dec. 1 the Go program will offer a variety of events, activities and discounts designed specifically for Robins junior enlisted force. All E1 - E4s and their immediate family members may take advantage of these programs. The Go card is an entry to all special events and must be shown to receive special discounts. Look for Go offers throughout 78th Services Division facilities during December through February. The Go patrol will be doing random spot checks and awarding prizes to participants who carry their card.

Information, Tickets and Travel
Join Information, Tickets and Travel on a one-day holiday shopping spree to the North Georgia Premium Outlets in Dawsonville Dec. 4.
This shopping experience will include 140 outlet stores in an outdoor village setting, including Ann Taylor, Banana Republic, Crate and Barrel, Williams-

Sonoma and Nike. The village consists of 52 designer and sport apparel stores, 23 shoe stores, 16 children's apparel stores and food pavilions.
"Leave the driving and the high cost of gas to us," said Donna Smith, ITT manager.
A 47-passenger tour bus, featuring on-board restrooms, TV/VCR and air conditioning and ample storage for packages will be reserved for this shopping trip.
Cost is \$30 for Robins Officers' and Enlisted club members when they show their Members First Plus club card and \$35 for non-club members. This package will include a complimentary continental breakfast. The tour bus will depart from the parking lot across from the Smith Community Center at 8 a.m. and will depart from the mall at 7 p.m.
A minimum of 25 people must sign up by Dec. 3 at ITT. For more information, please call 926-2945.

A Celtic Christmas with Robins Bullock and Steve Baughman will be held at the Douglas Theatre in Macon Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. Purchase advance tickets for \$15 at the ITT office located in Bldg. 767.

Pizza Depot
A Pizza Depot survey is being conducted now through Dec. 15. Go to www.robins.af.mil/services and click on the Pizza Depot Web page, located on the left-hand side of the screen, to find the survey icon. Information derived from the survey will be used for future planning and programming.

Riding Stables
The riding stables, near Luna Lake, offer a lighted riding ring, hot and cold wash racks, horse trail, stalls and a horse pasture. Costs include monthly \$15 family membership fee plus monthly stable fee of \$67. All base ID cardholders, including active duty, reserve, retired and DoD civilians, are eligible to use the stables. For more information, call 926-3214.

Smith Community Center
The musical showcase, Tops In Blue 2004 "Musicology" tour will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Doors will open for the general public at 6:45 p.m.

Spalding Nature Center
The nature center will be closed Tuesday for staff training.

New hunters to the base need to have a Georgia safe hunting license and a base hunting permit. Call 926-4001 to sign-up for the base hunter's safety course.

The Oscar's Amphitheatre is now available for weddings, retirement parties, meetings and classes at the nature center. Cost for rental is \$15 with a \$25 refundable deposit. For reservations and information, call 926-4500.

Youth Center
The 4-H meetings are held the second Monday of each month from 3 - 4 p.m. for boys and girls ages 9 - 13 . Youth center membership is not required.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.
Friday 7:30 p.m. – Team America: World Police – animated
Team America follows an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability. Learning that power hungry dictator Kim Jong II is out to destroy the world, the team recruits Broadway star Gary Johnston to go undercover. With the help of Team America, Gary manages to slip into an arms dealer's hideout to uncover the plan to destroy the world. All the while they are developing close relationships that lead to love, jealousy, and betrayal.
Rated R (graphic crude and sexual humor, violent images and strong language) 98 minutes



Saturday 7:30 p.m. – Surviving Christmas – Ben Affleck and James Gandolfini
Facing another Christmas alone, Drew decides to go back to his idyllic childhood home to spend the holidays with family. There is, however, one problem: the people living there now are not Drew's family. Nevertheless, Drew has his mind set on an old-fashioned family Christmas, and the fact that the "family" in question, the Valcos, are complete strangers, isn't about to put a crimp in his plans.



Rated R (sexual content, language and a brief drug reference) 92 minutes
COMING SOON:
Dec. 3 – **The Grudge** – Sarah Michelle Gellar and William Mapother – Rated PG-13 : An American student working with a Japanese health center for college credit, comes across a mysterious curse. Known as a "grudge," the curse was born inside of a house after its inhabitants died while consumed by rage.
Dec. 4 – **I Heart Huckabees** – Jason Schwartzman and Isabelle Huppert – Rated R : A plucky couple like to play detective. But instead of solving murders, they like to delve into philosophical questions.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.
Marketing yourself for a second career
Retired Col. Jerry Crews, with the Military Officers' Association of America, will present "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career," Tuesday, 9 - 11:30 a.m., at the Base Theater. Colonel Crews will introduce the audience to the realities of the competition in the civilian job market; the perceptions civilian employers have of military personnel; a plan for the job search; tips for strengthening the resume; networking plans; preparing for and conducting a successful interview; and salary negotiations and benefit packages. The target audience is officers and senior noncommissioned officers who plan to leave the service in the next 1-5 years. Spouses are encouraged to attend.
Pre-TAP briefing
A Pre-TAP briefing will be con-

ducted Nov. 30, 1 - 3 p.m., Building 905, Room 250. The briefing is for military members and their spouses who are within 1-3 years of separation or retirement.
Transition assistance
The Transition Assistance Program ensures active duty personnel are prepared to separate from the military. Classes are offered throughout the year.
Relocation assistance
The FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for checkout. The relocation assistance program also has a Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES) that has information on all military installations worldwide at www.airforcesourceone.com (user ID: airforce; password: ready). If you don't have a computer, you can call (800) 707-5784. For more information, call 926-3453.
Pre-deployment briefings
Pre-deployment briefings are offered by the FSC Readiness Team at 8:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays

in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453
Airman's attic
The Airmen's Attic program supports junior enlisted members that are establishing a household. E-4s and below are encouraged to visit the attic to find items to help defray the cost of setting up an apartment or home. Items usually available include kitchenware, small appliances and decorative items. The attic also provides children's clothing, toys and military uniforms.
Large items such as chairs, couches, washers, dryers, entertainment centers, desks and tables are donated to the Airman's Attic. These larger items are passed on to junior enlisted members by way of a "Wish List." Airmen are encouraged to visit the Attic and list their needs on the wish list.
Car care program
The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force

members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, (\$20 value), chassis lubrication and a safety inspection.
Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member's remote tour, TDY/deployment. If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest-free loan. To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member's orders by the FSC.
Career focus
Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information, call 926-1256.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fitness Center

Come out and support the pre-season intramural basketball tournament Monday - Dec. 2.

For more information, call 926-2128.

An indoor soccer tournament will be held Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Heath and Wellness Center.

For more information, call 926-2128.

A jingle bell relay is slated for Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. in front of the Health and Wellness Center.

Golf Course

Every Wednesday in December is Ladies Day. Cost is \$13 for 18 holes, golf car and green fee.

A Christmas sale will be held Dec. 3.

Enjoy big savings on golf shoes, golf bags, clubs, clothes and golf balls.

Door prizes will include free membership, free range balls for a year and more.

Houston County Golf Course will host active duty

appreciation days Dec. 10 and 18.

Cost is \$15 and includes a round of 18 holes, use of a golf cart and green fee.

The course will also offer special discounts during its retiree appreciation days on Dec. 9 and 19.

Cost is \$15 for 18 holes of play, golf car and green fee.

Marathon volunteers

Seventy dedicated volunteers are needed to ensure the continual success of the 2005 Museum of Aviation Foundation Marathon/Half-Marathon/5K Run/Walk to be held Jan. 15 at 7 a.m.

Everyone who volunteers will receive a free logo-event T-shirt and a letter of appreciation for their good works.

Anyone who would like to get involved with this high-profile event that includes runners from every corner of our nation, should e-mail 2nd Lt. Matt Fogarty at matthew.fogarty@robins.af.mil.

Please include your name, unit, base address, T-shirt size and duty phone.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Rosine

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE, Uzbekistan – Tech. Sgt. Marcus Nelson checks out the new Air Force physical training uniform at the base exchange here. The base was the first location in ‘the stans’ to get the new uniform, exchange officials said. Sergeant Nelson is assigned to the 416th Air Expeditionary Group. The new unisex uniform can be worn off-the-shelf, requiring no modifications. It consists of a grey T-shirt, a pair of shorts and a two-piece nylon running suit, and was designed with comfort and safety in mind, officials said. The uniform has enough reflective material on it to ensure wearers are visible from any direction. Seams on the pants are trimmed with reflective piping, while the shorts feature both a reflective ‘V’ and an Air Force logo.

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PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The “Put your hands together for...” feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up. Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren’t able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month. To have an award included in the “Put your hands together for...” page, submit a brief write up of the award and the people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 106, Building 215. Submissions that are brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too. For more information, contact Geoff Janes at geoff.janes@robins.af.mil or Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Either can be reached by phone at 926-2137.

>>> 78th Civil Engineers capture four command awards

By Chrissy Zdrakas
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The 78th Civil Engineer Group has nailed four Air Force Materiel Command awards, putting the winners in position to compete for Air Force level recognition.

The wins have brought smiles all around, from the commanders and supervisors who concentrated on crafting competitive award packages to the star performers who were singled out as the command’s best.

“Supervisors all the way up to the commander of the squadrons worked very hard on writing the packages and selecting their very deserving personnel,” said Lt. Col. Kathyleen Paré, 778th Civil Engineer Squadron commander. “So the win speaks well for the individuals as well as the supervisors for recognizing their folks.”

778th Civil Engineer Squadron’s Readiness Flight, Colonel Frederick J. Reimer Award

The Readiness Flight’s business is training people on how to respond effectively to potential life-or-death situations like natural disasters, airplane crashes, terrorist attacks and hazardous material spills or accidents. The flight’s 17 men and women – 15 military members and two civilians – last year managed 18 program courses and trained more than 6,000 people across Robins.

The flight’s work took on added urgency as the events of 9-11 and later unfolded. The flight assumed a key role in the Civil Engineer Group’s weapons of mass destruction detection and protection program, helping to place Robins in the lead among Department of Defense installations in the continental United States. Robins was the first stateside base to develop a chemical and biological detection grid.

“We also spearheaded the Air Force’s new concept of operations for the way we fight a chemical weapons attack,” Flight Superintendent Master Sgt. Kevin Treas said. “We were the first AFMC base to be evaluated on the new process and earned an overall ‘excellent’ rating.”

Sergeant Treas said Robins developed the concept of

operations for chemical and biological detection and protection for more than 200 bases in the continental United States.

Senior Airman Sarah Burk, Major General Eugene A. Lupia Award, military technician category

Senior Airman Burk is a readiness training journeyman for the flight, and was the lead instructor for readiness augmentees in nuclear, biological and chemical detection. She drew attention from the AFMC inspector general’s staff, which noted hers was the “best trained team” it had seen.

She was credited with overseeing a 30-plus readiness support team that prepared the 78th air base Wing for Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command’s Operational Readiness Inspection. Readiness exceeded mission requirements and contributed to seven “outstanding” and 20 “excellent” ratings.

As a deployed member of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing supporting combat missions for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, she became a key member of a 92-person civil engineer team that ensured 100 percent combat and troop airlift mission success.

Hayden Hinton, Outstanding Individual Community Planner Award

As a community planner in the 778th Civil Engineer Squadron, Mr. Hinton deals with meeting needs for building requirements – everything from the new main gate and planned new commissary to the bed down of the Joint STARS mission and later, the B-1s, C-5s and C-17s. He said he came to Robins 11 years ago to work on the Joint STARS project, laying out on a grid system how the apron, buildings, hangars and other facilities would fit functionally.

“I never really planned to stay here that long, but new missions came, so I stayed,” he said. Robins called him here because he had built a reputation as a community planner at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. He served 10 years as an enlisted member in the Air Force, and has earned bache-

lor’s degrees in sociology and psychology and a master’s degree in public administration. During part of his Air Force career, Mr. Hinton and his father, Lt. Col. Jerald Hinton, who had a 28-year career in the Air Force, were stationed at Whiteman AFB, Mo.

“Winning this award is the ultimate in my Air Force career, along with being stationed with my dad. It was quite an honor to come home and salute my dad,” he said.

Steven Hall, Outstanding Civil Engineer Manager of the Year, civilian technician category

Capt. Steve Harrington, acting commander of the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, described Mr. Hall as “an outstanding electrician who makes a 110 percent effort to learn all he can and perform at the highest level possible.”

“His innovative thinking and high level of initiative have improved Robins’ traffic light and electrical systems program by leaps and bounds,” Captain Harrington said. His achievement is recognition of the outstanding work initiated and accomplished by our electrical infrastructure flight.”

Mr. Hall, an industrial electronics controls technician in the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron’s alarm shop, works with fire and security alarms, traffic lights, electronic doors, gates and “anything else that comes in.” His job includes installations, maintenance, testing and trouble-shooting, a workload he said “keeps us pretty well swamped.”

“The part of my job I like best is staying busy, and that’s never a problem – definitely not,” he said. “Every day is different. I’m rarely in the same building two days in a row, and I like the ever changing scenery and faces.”

He has been on the job at Robins for five years, and before that worked on traffic signal systems for Georgia’s county traffic signal division. He also served in the Air Force as an electrician.

“A good day at work for me is seeing the completion of a large project,” Mr. Hall said. “That happened recently when we completed swapping out three base marquees.”

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>>> Civilian retires after more than 53 years of service

After more than 53 years of service to the United States, both as an Air Force officer and a civil servant, Donald R. Looney is ready to retire.

He retired from the Air Force in 1974, and began his civil service career at Wright-Patterson where he worked in the E-3 System Program Office before being reassigned to Robins. At Robins, he was instrumental in the development of the Defense Department’s Spare Parts Breakout Program. His leadership skills resulted in all air logistic centers agreeing to a uniform spare parts breakout program.

Later he transfered back to Wright-Patterson as the spare parts breakout program manager. His skills were instrumental in coordinating

and developing plans and processes needed to accomplish the Consumable Item Transfer, the transfer of item management responsibility of several hundred thousand stock numbered items from the Air Force to the Defense Logistics Agency.

Mr. Looney returned to Robins for the second time in 1991 as the Engineering Data Management Branch chief.

Throughout his career, Mr. Looney has been recognized for his outstanding performance and devotion to duty. He is known for his customer-oriented attitude.

To those who have come to know him well, he will be remembered for his skill as a master storyteller. Mr. Looney is set to retire Jan. 3. His possible retirement plans include writing a book of stories, finishing his last year of college, or working in his yard and garden that he and his wife, Fern, have planned.

– From staff reports

>>> Keep on clapping

Fiscal 2004 AFMC Outstanding Contracting Awards

Secretary of the Air Force Professionalism in Contracting Award - non-supervisor
Carrol K. Colbert
Secretary of the Air Force

Professionalism in Contracting Award - supervisor
Christine L. Clark
Outstanding Achievement in Contracting Information Technology
Phil Gladney
Outstanding Contingency Contracting Officer

Capt. Mark Z. Finigan
Outstanding Contracting Civilian - Operational GS-11
Robert N. Jones Jr.
Outstanding Contracting Civilian - Logistics GS-11
Sherie D. Hooper

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Professional Development Award

Deb Hall

Outstanding Contracting Unit - Operational

78th Contracting Squadron

Outstanding Contracting Enlisted Member - Senior noncommissioned

Master Sgt. Joseph Candelaria

Special Recognition Award

Wing Tips and Other Panels Team: Tawanda Matthias, Kelly Lucero, Dink Cooper, Jacquelyn Booze, Howard Horstman, Daniel McNeil, Jack Strickland, Tommy Gilbert, Debra Boggero, Joey Walker, Michael Williamson, David McCants, Michael Shelley, Shannon Gonzalez and Steven Bury

Outstanding Contracting Team

Rockwell Corporate Contracting Team: Donna Walcott, Vickie Hutto, Michael Myers, James Caine, Polly Huffman and Margie Wegmann

Outstanding Contracting Support

Reba McEldowney

Outstanding Pricing Award

Lisa Corr

Outstanding Contracting Officer - Logistics

Maj. David M. Tenenbaum

Outstanding Civilian in Contracting -Logistics GS-12

Suzanne W. Cole

Excellence in Air Force Classified Contracting

LMKS Team: Jackie Keys, Jerry Brown, Sandra Wynne and Annick Woodlock

Robins 3rd Quarter Award Winners



Courtesy photo

The JEDMICS Engineering Data Support Team, WR-ALC/LGE, was selected as the winner of the Logistics Management Directorate, Team of the Quarter Award, for the third quarter of 2004. From left are Diane Burney, Sherryl Moore, Sara White, Linda Flowers, Jean Edge, Mark Moyer, Kristy Pope, Bryan Gee, Ruby Simmons, Ruby Holloway and Sid Davezan.



Donna E. Allred

Bruce M. Daniels

Airman: Airman 1st Class Brandon G. Goins, 78th ABW

Noncommissioned officer: Tech. Sgt. Russell G. Simms, 78th ABW

Senior noncommissioned officer: Master Sgt. Danny L. Colbert, 78th ABW

Company grade officer: 2nd Lt. Adam G. Caldwell, 19th ARG

Spirit Award: 5th CCG

Commodities and Industrial Products Division awards

John Allison, sheet metal mechanic work leader in the F-15 wing section, repair branch, was awarded the Commodities and Industrial

>>> Colonel takes fini flight



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Lt. Col. Barb Mossi, 19th Operations Support Squadron, chief current ops, gets a hug from her daughters, Erin, left, and Tasha Butler, after completing her fini flight on the 'Cherokee Rose' KC-135 Nov. 15. She will retire Feb. 1.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Oldham
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — From left, Barbara Bush, George H.W. Bush, Laura Bush, President George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Chelsea Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter pose for the media after the William J. Clinton Presidential Library opening ceremonies Thursday.

Air Force band performs at Clinton library opening

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Oldham
189th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Rain, and a lot of it, could not dampen the spirits of Airmen assigned here to help make the William J. Clinton Presidential Library opening ceremonies Thursday a success. Active-duty Airmen from the Air Force Band of Mid-America assigned to Scott Air Force Base, Ill., kicked off the official grand opening attended by an estimated 30,000 people. About 200 Arkansas National Guard Airmen and Soldiers helped the Secret Service and local law enforcement officials secure the site, drive distinguished visitors

and escort them to their seats. “It’s definitely not something you get to do every day,” said 1st Lt. Patti Walters, a 189th Airlift Wing escort officer, who seated dignitaries on the stage. Staff Sgt. Jamar Bennett, a security forces journeyman from the 189th Security Forces Squadron worked crowd control at the distinguished visitor entrance with Secret Service officials and city police. The previous night, the band’s jazz ensemble played a four-hour set at a private party in the library for the former president and invited guests. “Ted Danson came up to us and said we were one of the best bands he’s ever heard,” said 1st Lt. Leslie

Brown, of the band. A light morning rain began to dry up, and the clouds appeared to clear for a brief moment. As the band took its place on stage and began to warm up, the rain began to come; it was light at first, but, as the ceremony rolled on, the rain eventually turned into a downpour. The library sits on a 30-acre tract along the south bank of the Arkansas River. The 20,000-square-foot museum contains artifacts and gifts, and highlights the former president’s accomplishments, complete with a replica of the Oval Office. The library contains nearly 2 million photographs and more than 75 million pages of documents.

Make-A-Wish grants boy’s wish to be Thunderbird for a day

By Martine Ramos
Air Warfare Center Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — Matthew “Buddy” LaFontaine has wanted to be a Thunderbird since he was 3 years old. Now, at the grand old age of 9, thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron Airmen, his wish has come true. Buddy was a Thunderbird for a day Nov. 12. Buddy experienced the first-class hospitality of America’s Ambassadors in Blue during a practice air show here. He was joined by his father, Matthew, mother, Dee, younger brothers Tyler, 7, and Patrick, 5, sister Leighanna, 2 and grandmother Ruth Griffiths. Buddy and his family met with the Thunderbird officers in their red, white and blue hangar home. Lt. Col. Michael Chandler, squadron commander and Thunderbird team leader, said this is one of the best things the team does all year. “We love this; this is what we live for,” Colonel Chandler said. “It’s a very special treat for us to be able to put a smile on the face of a Make-A-Wish child for a short period of time. This is a great day for us.” Two years ago, Buddy was diagnosed with a rare metabolic condition known as hyperoxaluria, a hereditary disorder that causes an excessive amount of urinary oxalate which creates a special type of stone to form in the kidney, beginning in childhood. The stones are composed of calcium oxalate and lead to kidney failure. Buddy’s mother said when he first became sick, they found out he had more than 30 kidney stones. “Dialysis doesn’t work on his condition,” Mrs. LaFontaine said. Since that time, one of Buddy’s kidneys was cleaned out which brought his kidney function up to 40 percent. After being dazzled at the Thunderbird hangar where the family amassed various Thunderbird collectables, Buddy was whisked off to meet some of the other performers. Then it was off to a communications trailer. Donning a headset, Buddy listened to the Thunderbird pilots talk to each other as they flew the show. “That was just like being in the plane with them,” Buddy said. “I had a chance to meet the Blue Angels, but I chose the



U.S. Air Force photo by Julie Ray
NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — Buddy LaFontaine meets Maj. Todd Canterbury, the lead solo pilot for the Thunderbirds, at the Thunderbird hangar during an air show.

Thunderbirds; they’re much better.” His grandmother said she remembers holding Buddy up at his first air show when he was not quite 2 years old. “Buddy has always been fascinated by aircraft and the Thunderbirds,” Mrs. Griffiths said. “This has been the experience of a lifetime for him.” Seeing all the World War II planes and memorabilia during the practice show, Mrs. Griffiths expressed her feelings on Buddy’s experience. “World War II started when I was in high school,” she said. “After college, while working for the school district, I applied and was accepted to be a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. I decided against the military at that time, but being here at Nellis and seeing Buddy’s joy makes me wish I had gone through with it.” Cathy Christ, program services coordinator for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada, escorted Buddy and his family to the base. “This is the best part of my job,” she said. “It is great to be able to watch a child as he gets his wish granted. Nellis and the Thunderbirds are the best, and I can’t thank them enough for what they did.” The Make-A-Wish Foundation is the world’s largest wish-granting organization. The foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. Buddy’s condition is still unsettled, and his future is uncertain, but as far as Buddy is concerned, “I’m going to be a Thunderbird pilot. This was the best thing I’ve ever done.”

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What are you thankful for?



Maj. Marc Van Wert
Operations officer
19th OSS/DO

“I am thankful for a healthy and supportive family. I am also thankful for the great friends I have made while serving in the Air Force... friends you can truly count on both on and off duty.”



Rebecca Carty
School secretary
Robins Elementary School

“I’m thankful for my family and my beautiful grandchildren. I’m grateful for my job working with the children here. And I’m especially thankful for all our service people and the jobs they do to give us our freedom.”



Janet Buchanan
Human resources assistant
78th MSG/DPCCA

“My kids’ health, a job I love, and great co-workers.”



Maj. Jeff Brett
Part-time Reservist
339th Flight Test Squadron

“I’m thankful for family and good health.”



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Pelkey
Satellite communication engineer
54th Combat Communications Squadron

“I’m thankful for my family, my health and for my God and country.”

Airmen assist Santa’s letter writing efforts

Air Force volunteers from the combat weather flight at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, will once again help Santa send out thousands of signed, North Pole-post marked letters to children worldwide.

The Santa’s Mailbag program started 50 years ago by 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Airmen, and it has been carried on by those of the 354th Operations Support Squadron.

Each year, the unit receives thousands of Dear Santa Claus letters and

Christmas-wish lists. Volunteers in the weather flight sort and read the letters, select an appropriate reply from Santa Claus and mail the letters with an official North Pole postmark. Last year, the program received about 4,000 letters.

The volunteers start processing letters in late November and will continue through Christmas. The flight must receive letters to Santa by mid-December to ensure a reply before Christmas. Children whose letters arrive too late will get a special

“after Christmas” letter from Santa.

Children can write to Santa at: Santa’s Mailbag, 354th OSS/OSW, 2827 Flightline Ave. Suite 100B, Eielson AFB AK 99702-1520.

There is no cost for the letters, but self-addressed stamped envelopes or donations made out to “Santa’s Mailbag” to help defray the cost of postage and supplies are accepted.

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